

According to the surveys of an agent of the British government, all that portion of Forty-mile creek in Alaska where gold has been discovered belongs to the United States.

FIRE ENGINE NO. 2, with two men, plunged into the river through the drawbridge at the foot of Seneca street, Cleveland, O., on the morning of the 25th. The horses were drowned, but the men were rescued.

FAILURES for the United States for the week ended on the 24th, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were 372, against 363 for the corresponding week last year. For Canada the failures were 61, against 59 last year.

MISS AGNES BELLE STEELE, daughter of the mayor of Helena, Mont., has been selected to christen the new gunboat Helena, which will be launched at the works of the Newport News (Va.) Ship Building and Dry Dock Co. on the 30th.

THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURALIST, which reported the value of farm animals throughout the country in 1903 at \$2,483,083,000, now places their value, on January 1, 1904, at \$1,960,420,000, a shrinkage for the three years of \$522,663,000, or \$2,139,000 of which occurred during 1903.

THE LONDON STANDARD, on the 23d, announced the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg, the husband of Princess Beatrice, who accompanied the expedition against the Ashantees. The prince succumbed to coast fever while on his return voyage from Cape Coast Castle to Sierra Leone.

DR. K. N. FENWICK, professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the medical branch of Queen university at Kingston, Ont., and one of the leading physicians of Canada, died on the 23d. Blood poisoning, contracted by cutting his finger while performing an operation, was the cause of his death.

THE LONDON PAPERS, discussing what Great Britain will do in the event of the alleged entente between Russia and Turkey proving to be well founded, suggest the open annexation of Egypt, the seizure of an island near the Dardanelles, and the sending of a fleet to Constantinople to bottle up the Russian navy.

A DISPATCH from Washington, on the 21st, said: "Associate Justice Field has yielded to the long-standing desire of President Cleveland and agreed to retire. He will go upon the retired list at the close of this term of the supreme court, if he keeps the promise he made recently to the president and Senator White, of California."

AFTER the meeting of the Venezuela boundary commission, on the 24th, Justice Brewer told a reporter that excellent progress was being made, but that it would be extremely difficult to attempt to make public bits of evidence in a haphazard way which might be exceedingly misleading and injurious to the work in hand.

A SERIES of resolutions passed by the Massachusetts legislature asking Congress to regulate the hours of labor throughout the United States, were ordered to lie on the table of the house committee on labor, on the 23d, and the legislature of Massachusetts was asked to submit a form of bill that will accomplish the desired object.

THE ANNUAL report of the Dominion postmaster-general, issued on the 23d, showed that the letters posted in Canada last year reached a total of 110,500,000; postal cards, 24,000,000; and newspapers and book packages, 23,000,000. The total revenue of the department for the year was \$2,792,733 and the total expenditures \$3,593,647.

IT WAS reported in Washington, on the 21st, that the president had intimated to Senator Duff of Iowa, the Spanish minister, that Spain is in a position to suppress the rebellion in Cuba in a short time the independence of the island will be recognized by this government, to the end that protection may be afforded the lives and property of Americans in Cuba.

A SELECT commission, consisting of Secretary Lamont, Gen. Miles and Gen. Dodge, of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, agreed, on the 20th, upon a site in the city of Washington, for the location of the statue of Gen. Sherman. It is just south of the treasury building, and in direct line with Pennsylvania avenue, where the statue will be in full view from the capitol.

SECRETARY OF STATE OLNEY regards the mission of the American Red Cross in Armenia under the circumstances as a grave mistake, which is likely to embroil this country in further difficulty with the Turkish government. If Miss Barton is peacefully ejected, the state department will enter no protest; if she is maltreated, our government will undoubtedly interfere.

THE LONDON GLOBE comments angrily on the letter of the United States Venezuelan commission suggesting that Great Britain and Venezuela be invited to submit to the commission all of the evidence in their possession, and adds: "Will those pernicious commissioners undertake to answer for the effect upon their own countrymen of forcing the premier to snub the American secretary of state?"

THE PALL MALL GAZETTE vouches for the truth of the statement that an offensive and defensive alliance has been concluded between Russia and Turkey, the Unkai-Skeless agreement of 1833 forming the basis of the treaty. It is also thought that France is a party to the new alliance. The British foreign office officials, on the 23d, denied knowledge of any such alliance, and attached no importance to the statement.

MINISTER TERRELL telegraphed to the state department, on the 24th, that while the port still refused to grant permission to the Red Cross, or to distribute relief in the interior, they decided to officially recognize the society, it will permit any persons whom Mr. Terrell names and approves, to distribute relief in the interior of Turkey, provided the Turkish authorities are kept informed of what they are doing.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

LIV. CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

In the senate, on the 20th, the report of the committee on foreign relations as to the extent and meaning of the Monroe doctrine and its applicability to the Venezuelan dispute was read and placed on the calendar without discussion. No progress was made with the house bill and free coinage substitute reported from the committee on finance. Mr. Peffer's funeral bill was referred to the committee on rules. Several bills of minor importance were passed. In the house, several bills and resolutions were agreed to. The president's message in response to house resolution of inquiry into the conduct of Ambassador Bayard was received and referred. The urgent deficiency bill was reported, and the military academy appropriation bill was passed in committee of the whole.

In the senate, on the 21st, most of the day's session was spent in the disposition of bills on the calendar that were unobjectionable, to which were passed. Two resolutions having reference to the issue of certain medals authorized by the last legislature of New Mexico for public buildings.

In the senate, on the 22d, Senator Wolcott (Ct.) introduced a resolution at session on both sides of the chamber during a set speech in condemnation of the proposed extension of the Monroe doctrine and in criticism of the action of the senate in the Venezuelan dispute. He spoke of the ingratitude of the Venezuelans, less than one per cent. of whom are American, in their refusal to accept the freedom from the Spanish yoke, and hoped that the boundary line would be so fixed as to give the rich gold fields to the protection of the English common law. In the house a number of unimportant bills and resolutions were passed, and the unanimous report of the committee No. 2 confirming the claim of H. C. Miner, the sitting member from the Ninth New York district, was agreed to without debate.

In the senate, on the 23d, after the morning hour, Mr. Vilas (N. H.) reported a bill from the committee on commerce to prevent the carrying of obscene literature, etc., from one state or territory to another. The resolution offered by Mr. Warren (rep. Wyo.) directing attention to the unprecedented shrinkage in the value of farm animals was made the text of a strong protective tariff speech by his assistant, Mr. Doolittle (rep. Idaho) who spoke in favor of the bill. Mr. Sewall (rep.) in advocacy of the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine. In the house Mr. Henderson (rep. Ia.) reported from the committee on rules a modified form of the quorum-counting provision of the Fifty-first congress, which, after debate, was adopted.

In the senate, on the 24th, the concurrent resolution previously reported from the committee on foreign relations on the subject of the issue of certain medals authorized by the last legislature of New Mexico for public buildings, after a highly interesting discussion in which the barbarity of the Turks and the intention of the powers were roundly censured. Mr. Jones (dem. Ariz.) asked that the senate, on the 30th, to remain in session until a vote was reached on the house bill with free coinage. In the house, in night session for the consideration of private pension matters, 12 bills were passed, among them one for the widow of the late Brig. Gen. Cogswell, of Massachusetts, and one increasing to \$72 the pension of the widow of Col. William Bulfinch.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

JUDGE E. L. BURTON, considered one of the ablest jurists in the northwest, died on the 23d, at Ottumwa, Ia., aged 55 years.

IN the burning of the A. S. Aloe optical establishment in St. Louis, on the night of the 21st, four salvage corps men who were spreading tarpaulins in the burning building were carried down with the collapsed floor and three of them perished under the weight of wreckage, the fourth being rescued alive after several hours of horrible suspense but died shortly afterwards. Three firemen were shocked to insensibility by live electric wires, and one was seriously injured by falling from a ladder. Loss, \$200,000; fully insured, \$150,000. The owners of the steamships Freeland and LeTouraine, which were to have carried large pleasure parties from New York to the east, have been commandeered on account of the troubles in the east.

A VEIN of salt 300 feet thick and said to be the richest in the world, has been discovered under the town of Little River, Rice county, Kas. It is 500 feet down to the salt. Chicago capitalists will develop it.

A DISPATCH from Madrid, on the 21st, said: "It is announced that Marquis Ahumada will be the second in command under Gen. Weyler in Cuba, and not Gen. Suarez Valdez, as previously announced."

WHILE August Voight, who lived at the edge of Michigan City, Ind., was sawing cord wood, on the 23d, the buzz saw struck a knot and burst, and half of it, striking him in the neck, almost severed the head from his body. Death instantaneous.

THE FRANKLIN county grand jury at Columbus, O., on the 23d, returned indictments against several members of the last legislature for bribery, and, it was reported, would find many more similar bills. The indicted belong to both political parties.

W. E. BROWDER, the noted counterfeiter and forger, and Abbie L. Smith and Wm. E. Wagner, two of the gang connected with him, and all of whom were arrested with several others in West Hoboken last fall, were arraigned in the federal court at Trenton, N. J., on the 23d, and committed to jail in default of \$100,000 bail.

AT the mouth of Fishing creek, which empties into the Ohio river at New Martinsville, W. Va., on the 22d, M. B. Potts and two assistants cast a seine, and upon withdrawing it found the most remarkable catch of fish on record. There were in the seine 3,700 fish, of which all but about 300 were large enough to be marketable.

MISS CLARA BARTON and her staff members of the National Red Cross society sailed, on the 23d, on the steamship New York. Those who accompanied Miss Barton were Dr. J. B. Hubbell, field agent; Miss Lucy Greaves, stenographer and typewriter; Ernest Mason, interpreter and linguist; and George H. Pullman, secretary to Miss Barton.

AT the closing session of their convention in Chicago, on the 23d, the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States passed a resolution, among others, asking the establishment by the government of a department of manufactures under a secretary of equal rank with the secretary of agriculture.

COMMANDER CONVERSE of the torpedo station at Newport, R. I., was called to Washington, on the 23d, to consider the details of placing torpedo tubes on the new battleships of the Keokuk type being built at the navy yard. This will be a new feature in our war ships.

EX-CONGRESSMAN TURNER, who, during his four terms in congress many years ago, earned the sobriquet of "The Outlaw" by his fearless and independent course, died at Louisville, Ky., on the 22d, aged 83.

THE twenty-eighth annual convention of the National Woman Suffrage association met in Washington, on the 23d, with 100 delegates in attendance, including the most prominent leaders in the movement from nearly every state in the Union.

ON the 23d the porte gave out the improbable story that two Armenians, believed to be members of the Armenian revolutionary committee, had murdered the Armenian bishop of Boghos. Bills have been introduced in the supreme council of Bombay abolishing all duties on yarns, and reducing to 3 1/2 per cent. the duties on woven goods.

IN opening the New York state assembly at Albany with prayer, on the 23d, Rev. K. M. Kerwin asked for the success of the Cuban revolution and the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine.

IN the senate, on the 23d, Mr. McMillan made a favorable report on the bill providing for additional revenue cutters: two for the great lakes, two for the Pacific coast, and one each for the gulf and New York.

TUZ silver conference held in Washington, on the 23d, issued a call for a national convention of silver men to meet in St. Louis, July 22 next.

WILLIAM W. URR, who was appointed justice of the supreme court of Oregon in 1887, and subsequently became chief justice, died at his residence in Washington, D. C., on the 23d, aged 78 years. A widow and five sons survive him.

THE republican silver senators, on the 23d, signed a declaration which was intended to be used in the coming campaign as the demand which the silver men will make for a plank in the national convention.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLEVELAND gave their annual reception, on the night of the 23d, to congress and the judiciary. The dreaching rain and wind storm that prevailed seriously interfered with the attendance.

THE postmaster general has decided to establish house-to-house collections of mail in cities having the free delivery system. A beginning will be made with 25 of the larger cities.

MRS. EMMA CORMAN, wife of the principal owner of "Gating," committed suicide, on the evening of the 23d. Worry over the condition of her invalid son is thought to have unsettled her mind and led to the rash act.

CONGRESSMAN MONEY, of Mississippi, was nominated, on the 23d, as the successor to United States Senator George, of that state. Mr. Money is a member of the 24th, accepted the torpedo boat, Eriksen. He deducted for delays \$16,000 from the contract price \$120,000.

AN explosion of chemicals in the laboratory of the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., on the second floor of the old stock exchange, Dearborn and Montgomery streets, Chicago, on the 24th, wrecked the contents of the offices on that floor, frightened into panic, hysterics or insensibility the occupants of the building, caused injury to three persons and a property loss of \$10,000.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL MALONEY of Illinois, brought quo warranto proceedings in the circuit court of Cook county, on the 25th, against the Illinois Steel Co. for the purpose of having its charter revoked for an alleged unlawful expansion of its capital stock and for dealing in real estate contrary to its charter.

ALLEN DAVIS was instantly killed on the 23d, at Oak Lake, Wis., by the bursting of a huge iron fly-wheel. His body was literally torn to pieces, one fragment of metal completely disembodying him.

THE AMERICAN line steamer St. Paul, vent ashore on the outer bar off Long Branch, N. J., at 1:30 a. m. of the 23d, during a dense fog. At last accounts the vessel was missing, and assistance was sent to her. Another steamer, supposed to be the Campana, narrowly missed going ashore too.

DISPATCHES from Paris, on the 25th, stated that a very serious accident had occurred there in the course of the trial of the machinery of the new transatlantic steamship France, just constructed at St. Nazaire. A number of persons were reported killed.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE Baldwin heirs have entered suit for the possession of certain corner lots in the city of Montclair, Ind., dedicated by the founder of the town for park purposes under conditions which the heirs claim, have not been complied with. The lots, which are now valued at \$500,000, have been secured by a real estate agent under quit claim deeds which the heirs allege were obtained by fraud, and which they seek to have set aside.

LEGAL proceedings have been instituted in Cincinnati for the placing on the tax duplicate of all property in Hamilton county owned by the Roman Catholic church and not used for places of worship. The property in question is assessed at \$1,000,000, and an effort is being made to have it charged for the past six years with an increased valuation of \$6,000,000. The move is said to have originated with the A. P. A.

A DISPATCH from St. Petersburg, on the 26th, said the czar had given his sanction to the naval estimates covering a period of seven years, beginning in 1905, of \$7,500,000,000 roubles will be appropriated for naval purposes. The figures are fixed in proportion to the amounts expended on their naval forces by other powers.

MRS. BETSY MOODY, mother of Evangelist Moody, died, on the 26th, from an attack of a gripe at her home in Northfield, Mass. All of her family were with her, excepting one daughter who resides in Wisconsin. Mrs. Moody was in her ninety-first year.

A DISPATCH from Colon, United States of Colombia, on the 27th, stated that tranquility had been restored in the province of Barranquilla, and that the state of siege proclaimed there recently had been raised.

IT WAS reported from Berlin, on the 26th, that Dr. Behring, of Leipzig, had discovered an anti-cholera serum, and that a public demonstration of its properties would be made at an early day.

CASTLE TALONE, the residence of Gen. Count von Schouvaloff, governor of Warsaw, which was destroyed by fire, on the 26th, together with all its valuable paintings and curios.

JOHN TYLER, the son of President John Tyler, died in Washington city, on the 26th, at a very advanced age, after an illness that had lasted for several months.

HON. THEODORE F. RYUNY, American ambassador to Germany, died in Berlin, at one o'clock on the morning of the 27th, of heart failure, aged 73.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

This Man Was No Coward.

BERTRAM ATWATER, a Chicago artist, was murdered at Webster Groves, St. Louis county. He had just arrived at Webster Groves, and hired a negro to carry his valise to the residence of a friend. While on the way two men, with drawn revolvers, ordered him to halt and throw up his hands. Mr. Atwater's reply was a shot, the ball striking one of the robbers near the heart, inflicting a fatal wound. The other robber fired, the bullet striking Mr. Atwater in the mouth, causing instant death. The wounded robber was John Schmidt, white, and he said that his companion in the crime was Samuel Foster, colored, and who it is supposed fired the fatal shot. Foster was soon arrested, and also the man who was carrying Mr. Atwater's valise.

Strong threats of lynching have been made.

JUDGE W. W. EDWARDS, of St. Charles county, died at Oakville, Fla., where he had gone for his health. Judge Edwards was 66 years of age, and was one of the best-known jurists of Missouri. He belonged to one of the leading democratic families, but was himself a republican. The first appointment Mr. Lincoln made from Missouri was that of Mr. Edwards, to the United States district attorney for the eastern district. That office Mr. Edwards held until he was elected to the bench. He served as judge 30 years and some months. Twice he was elected without opposition. The only time he ever ran for a political office was when he was nominated for congress by the republicans against Richard H. Norton.

NELSON'S DEATH SENTENCE AFFIRMED. Division No. 2 of the state supreme has affirmed the death sentence of John Nelson, in an opinion written by Judge T. A. Sherwood. The date of his execution was set for Friday, February 25. Nelson shot and killed John Stull, in Ralls county in August, 1903. Stull was killed because he took care of Nelson's mother-in-law, who had been cruelly treated by Nelson and his wife.

SAVED BY HIS RUBBERS. A pair of rubbers saved the life of David Dort, of St. Louis. In crossing a street at night Mr. Dort stepped on a trolley wire that had fallen. He did not know his life had been in danger until he had crossed the street. If he had left his rubber shoes at home he would have been killed.

For the Osage and Gasconade.

CONGRESSMAN HUBBARD has introduced two river improvement bills. One provides for the appropriation of \$50,000 annually for four years for work on the Osage, and the other for the appropriation of \$20,000 for two years for the improvement of the Gasconade.

Shot a Burglar.

FRANK GREEN, a negro burglar, was fatally wounded at St. Joseph, while breaking into the home of John Woodson. Green received the contents of a double-barreled shotgun in the head. He has been under arrest many times for burglary.

A Coal Company Attached.

THE BARNEY HELMAN Grocery Co. of St. Louis has been attached to the Caffrey & Baker Coal Co. of Huntville, Randolph county, for \$5,395. It is alleged that this amount is due for groceries furnished the coal company.

Horse-Thief Davidson Sentenced.

JAMES T. DAVIDSON, a horse-thief captured by Audrain county authorities in St. Louis, recently, pleaded guilty to three charges of theft at Mexico, and was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

Buckley Lively.

BACLEY LIVESY, postmaster at Warrenton, died the other morning, aged 70. Mr. Livesy served several terms as circuit clerk, and held other positions of trust. He leaves a widow and several children.

Drank Carbolic Acid.

MINNIE WORLIDGE, the 22-year-old daughter of James Worlidge, of near Louisiana, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. She had been in invalid for several years.

An Old Business Man.

J. W. SCOTT, one of Lebanon's oldest business men, died after a long illness, aged 69. He was the father of Rev. W. D. Scott, pastor of Tower Grove church, St. Louis.

Introduced to Society.

MISS JOSEPHINE COBB, daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Cobb, was introduced to Washington society at a reception at the Normandy.

Dedicated to Science.

THE science building, the new annex to the state normal at Warrenton, was dedicated recently. Many prominent people were present.

Mayor Walbridge a Candidate.

MAYOR CYRUS P. WALBRIDGE of St. Louis has made the announcement that he is a candidate for the republican nomination for governor.

Well Known in Missouri.

D. D. FULLER, one of the first conductors in charge of a Missouri Pacific train, died at Trinidad, Col. He was well known in Missouri.

Prof. Ross Goes to Clarkburg.

PROF. G. A. ROSS, of Grand River college, Gallatin, has been elected president of Clarkburg college, and will soon assume control.

Given Three Years.

IN the Hannibal court of common pleas Arthur Grigamire entered a plea of guilty to grand larceny; three years in the penitentiary.

Emma Burnett-Dubach.

EMMA BURNETT, wife of David Dubach, a wealthy lumber man of Hannibal, died the other evening. She was 67 years of age.

A Cooper County Pioneer.

MRS. CHINA WITHERS, aged 86 years, died at her home in Buncheon. She was one of the pioneer settlers of Cooper county.

Result of a Love Affair.

ELMER L. JACKETT, a well-known young man of St. Joseph, committed suicide by poison. Despondency over a love affair.

Another Bridge for St. Louis.

THE senate has passed Senator Vest's bill for the construction of another bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Louis.

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

Inauguration of the Bible School—Address Delivered.

A large audience was present in the auditorium of the Missouri state university, Columbia, the other night, to witness the inaugural ceremonies of the university Bible school, which, after being discussed for many years by the university authorities, has at last been established. In addition to the inaugural address by W. T. Moore, now dean of the school, who recently arrived from England, where he served as editor of the London Commonwealth, there were addresses by Dr. J. H. Garrison, of St. Louis; Dr. T. P. Haley, of Kansas City; Dr. R. H. Jesse, president of the state university; Hon. E. W. Stephens.

DR. T. P. HALEY, of Kansas City, presided. He introduced Rev. Winders, who delivered a very brief address of welcome on behalf of the Columbia Christian church. Rev. Winders was followed by Mr. Stephens, who extended greetings on behalf of the citizens of Columbia. At the conclusion of Mr. Stephens' address President Jesse delivered an address of welcome in behalf of the university.

DR. JESSE was followed by Dr. Garrison, editor of the St. Louis Christian Evangelist. He discussed the origin of the idea of establishing Bible schools in connection with colleges, and told of his own prolonged efforts to establish this school in Columbia, giving the credit for the success of his efforts to Dr. Haley.

THE programme was concluded by the inaugural address of Dr. Moore. In speaking of his plans for the work of the Bible school he said:

"In my teaching here I shall insist upon an open Bible. I mean by that a Bible open to the freest and fullest possible examination as regards every question discussed within its pages. Let no one mistake me as regards this matter. In all my teaching I mean to contend for a non-sectarian Bible. I do not expect that all men will agree with me as regards every position I hold. But the very firmness with which I hold to my convictions teaches me to honor every man who is as firm as I am, even though his views directly antagonize my own."

IN conclusion Dr. Moore said: "If these views and aims which I have set forth commend themselves to your judgment, then I feel justified in asking you to assist me by prayers for the success of my labors."

WIDE AND NARROW TIRES.

An Experiment that Demonstrated the Possibility of the Wide Tire Over the Narrow-Tire Wheel.

AT the annual meeting of the State Road Improvement association, held in the Agricultural building, Columbia, recently, the college made a comparison of the draft required to haul a given load over a fairly firm road with 6-inch and 15-inch wheels.

THE load, including the driver, and exclusive of the weight of the wagon, was 2,350 pounds.

THE result showed a saving of 53 pounds of draft, or 25 per cent. by using the wide tires. A good horse is estimated to be able to exert a constant pull of 150 pounds for ten hours per day, walking 2 1/2 miles per hour.

THE wide tires in this trial effected a saving of slightly more than one-third of a horse.

THE greatest advantage of the wide tires was shown in the case with which the load was started. It required an average of 500 pounds to start the load when the narrow tires were used, while 230 pounds started the same load when the wide tires were put on the wagon.

IN many cases it is comparatively easy to haul the load after it is started, and if by using the wide tires the force necessary to give motion to the wagon is reduced more than half it is an important matter. The college will repeat tests on soft ground, or meadows, streets and muddy roads, and publish the results in an illustrated bulletin, which will be distributed free of charge to all applicants. Anyone wishing this pamphlet may have it by addressing the dean of the college, H. J. Waters, Columbia.

Plowman Shot.

JAMES POUNDS, a farmer living 17 miles northwest of Lamar, met with an accident the other day which will probably prove fatal. Pounds was carrying a .44 caliber revolver to protect himself from parties who had threatened him. At the time of the accident he was in the field plowing. While stooping over the plow to make some repairs, the weapon slipped from his pocket, striking the hammer with sufficient force on the plow to cause it to discharge. The ball entered his body below the breast-bone.

Flute Found on Field of Shiloh.

W. C. CLEMISON, of Warrenton, has in his possession a flute which his father, Samuel Clemison, of the Twenty-first Missouri regiment, infantry, picked up in the battlefield of Shiloh, the day after the battle, by the side of a dead federal soldier who had evidently died with the instrument to his lips. It is well preserved, and has a sweet, mellow tone.

Dropped Dead While Preparing Dinner.

CENTRALIA, Mo. Jan. 22.—Mrs. William Davenport of this city, aged 45 years, while busily engaged in getting dinner for her husband and family, fell to the floor and died instantly. She had enjoyed excellent health prior to her death.

Three Old Citizens Die.

THREE old citizens of Audrain county have died recently—Hezekiah Shaffer, 70; C. D. Emery, aged 86, and Capt. W. T. Cook, aged 91. Capt. Cook was one of the oldest and most highly-respected men in Audrain county.

She Was Curious.

MISS AMANDA PEPPER, handsome young resident of St. Joseph, was arrested and furnished bond in the sum of \$500 before United States Commissioner Pollock. She is charged with taking letters from the post office directed to Theodore Miller. The latter was a former suitor of Miss Pepper.

A Seventeen-Once Baby.

THE wife of E. A. Smith, of Sedalia, recently became the mother of the smallest baby ever born in Sedalia. It weighed on 17 ounces. The child was perfectly formed.

His Wife Had Deserted Him.

JOHN D. GIBSON, aged 70 years, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, committed suicide by blowing his head off with a shotgun at his home, near West Quincy. His wife, considerably his junior, had left him, and it is believed that her desertion of him caused him to kill himself.

DUN'S COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

The Week Marked by an Apparent Improvement Not Justified by Actual Results—Prices of Many Commodities Slightly Advanced with Nothing in the Conditions of Trade to Justify or Sustain Them.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—R. G. Dun & Co. report in their weekly review of trade, issued to-day:

FAILURES for 15 days of January have shown liabilities amounting \$12,539,617, against \$7,501,200 in 17 days of last year, and \$13,358,990 in 18 days of 1894. The failures for the week have been 373 in the United States, against 363 last year, and 61 in Canada, against 59 last year.

THE week has been marked by improvement apparent rather than real. Prices of some products have risen, but only because supplies are expected to be smaller than was expected. Prices of pig iron and billets have risen, but because coke and iron have been made dearer and not because of any better demand for finished products. Money has been easy, but only because more has been borrowed from Europe at a time when the actual balances of trade take money hence to Europe.

THE senate still injures all business by doing nothing, and the treasury can not expect to gain in gold as yet, but loses less than was expected. It is generally assumed that the new loan will be placed without difficulty. Business at the mills does not revive.